

Melville Matters



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Week 9

Mon 20 June	P & C Meeting 5pm
Tues 21, Wed 22, Thu 23	Dance Festival at Camden Haven High School
Tues 21, Thurs 23	Dance Festival Matinee 12pm Midday

From the English Department

8JEnglish have recently completed an assessment on Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night". The aim of the assignment was to represent the story in a modern setting but in any form you chose. The range of responses was impressive, from a film script to performance dance and just about everything in between.

Below is Caedan's Rap.
"Long Lost Sebastian"

The plane was flying when someone caused a distraction

Where is Viola? Where is Sebastian?

Plane is going down

Probably gonna drown

Floating along

Singing this song

Finally hit land

Feet are in the sand

Trying to find my brother

Searching for him and no other

Oh where, oh where could he be?

Perhaps in a bush or maybe in a tree

Ears out, I'm tuned in

Camera out, I'm zoomed in

Searched far and wide

Looked thick and thin

Wanting him

Is he alive? Is he dead?

These thoughts run crazy through my head

Is he alive? Did he survive?

Adrenaline flowing, Where am I going?

Take my next step without even knowing

Where do I go? What do I do? Oh brother, please
I'm lost without you

I am no ordinary lady

I'm a girl on a mission

I leave a path of demolition

I'm the pure definition

Of efficient

People envy my persistence

Time to ignite the fight

For Sebastian's existence

I miss you my brother

The best thing our parents ever gave us

Was each other

Cross my fingers hope to die

Stick a needle in my eye

We will be together one day

For now all we can do is pray

I hang my Jersey from the rafters

All the children with their laughter

It hurts me

Like a million hertz of electricity



Year 10 has recently completed a novel study and their assessment essay question was, "A good novel does more than tell a story. Discuss."

As part of this, 10J English worked in groups to determine what they thought made a good novel. A compilation of some of their ideas is opposite.

Eventually every group was asked to rank the top five features which they thought made a good or favourite novel. Every group rated; strong characters, surprise plot twists, interesting language or writing, favourite genre, conflict or drama and being able to relate to the world, issues or characters as important. The novels studied this year were, "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins, "Stone Cold" by Robert Swindells and "Tomorrow When the World Began" by John Marsden.



"What makes a good novel?"

interesting
engaging-world
dramatic
intrigue cliffhanger
genre inspiring emotional
tragedy descriptive setting
unpredictable fast-paced
background-story
surprises
suspense well-written
author captivating
complications
romance
part-of-a-series
relatable-characters
detailed cover
deep relationships
relatable-topic
age-relevant action
appealing
climactic
conflict plot-twist
comedy empathy
personal
humour

Principal's Report

It has been a very busy term to date with many exciting things happening. This week the Southern Network Dance Festival is being held at Camden Haven High School. Melville High has a number of Dance groups performing on both Tuesday and Thursday. Mrs Thomas has been working very hard with the students and choreographers to polish the performances and we look forward to being entertained by the many talented students involved.

On Thursday, 30th June, we will be holding our NAIDOC activities and the whole school will be participating in an assembly and lunchtime activities. NAIDOC is a significant time for our Indigenous students and whole community, and we mark the occasion in the last week of Term 2 due to the National dates falling in the school holidays. All members of the school community are welcome to join us for this special day.

During week 8 we held our Open house for prospective Year 7 students for 2017, and for the first time we combined it with our Year 10 into 11 information night as well as our Year 12 Parent Teacher interviews. We welcome any feedback on these arrangements as we have made this change to attempt to accommodate the widest range of Parents and families for one visit to the school. These processes mark the start of the new cycle of subject selections and decision making for 2017. All Year 10 students will be interviewed to assist their selections and ensure they have made choices which meet their future needs.

Staff currently are engaged in the Semester 1 reporting process. These will be issued before the end of this term (if all goes to plan). The follow up of these reports is most important and we need Parents and Carers to review the marks and comments and then communicate with their child and make plans for improvement in areas where it may be needed. The Parent/Teacher meetings for all years will be held early in Term 3 and it would be excellent to see record numbers of Parent/Carer and Teacher interactions.

We have now progressed the Clontarf Academy to be based at Melville High school from Term 3, to the point where staff are being engaged and the

Academy room is being set up. This program is targeted at Aboriginal male students and has proven successful in other areas to engage the boys with Education and support their success with employment within the local community when they complete school. For more information, contact the school or Tony Delaney (Regional Coordinator of Clontarf) on 0409 155 730 or adelaney@clontarffoundation.com.au

Finally, it is with much regret that I have had to accept the resignation of Mr Michael Eichler. Mr Eichler has taken a position at a local non-government school and has reluctantly made the decision to leave Melville High after many years of dedication to the school and its students. He will be greatly missed and we wish him well in his new position. We have been very fortunate to secure the services of a very experienced Science teacher to take over in the short term for Mr Eichler. Mr Gill was the Head Teacher of Science at Richmond River High school for 20 years and has taught HSC Physics for 11 of those years.

Jeff Hollingsworth
Principal

Skills For Work and Vocational Pathways

Below is a profile on Lily – a current Year 9 student – written by Dancia. We aim to publish a new profile each week after the completion of the Preliminary Exams.

Michelle BrennanFSK20113 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways teacher.

Student Profile : Lily



Lily is heading to Sydney to compete in the NSW Equestrian Interschool Competition. Lily will compete in the High School Section on the 23rd and 25th of June, 2016.

Last year she travelled to Taree to compete and won events to qualify for this NSW Competition. She won several ribbons. Lily is entered in the Show Horse section which involves presenting the horse and herself to the best of her

ability. After an initial inspection, Lily and her horse must respond to a series of verbal commands from the judges.

Lily has been competing since the age of 3 when she entered the Kempsey Show and she won her first ribbon for riding a Shetland pony.

To prepare for events, Lily rides every second day for about 30 mins to an hour to keep him fit and healthy. Every day she grooms and feeds her horse, which usually means she doesn't come inside until around 8 or 9 o'clock. This makes keeping up with her homework a challenge. Near competitions she rides 4 days straight to get him into a routine. She is currently washing cars and other fundraising activities to help offset the costs. Lily says it's an expensive sport but it's all worth it.

Written by, Dancia.

DANCE FESTIVAL

The Southern Network Dance Festival which is being held at Camden Haven High School is holding **2 Matinee** performances, in which Melville High School students will be performing, at 12 midday. **One on Tuesday 21st June**, and **one on Thursday 23rd June**. Tickets for these performances will cost \$3 and will be sold only at the door at Camden Haven. This is a great viewing option for Grandparents and working Parents.

Melville High School P & C Committee

Meetings scheduled for 2016 will be held in the Stan Johnson Library on the following dates/times and light refreshment will be provided:

- **Monday 20th June at 5pm**
- Monday 8th August at 5pm
- Monday 12th September at 5pm
- Monday 14th November at 6.30pm
- Monday 12th December at 6.30pm

Participation in the P & C meetings enables parents and carers to make an active contribution to the school which ultimately has a positive impact on students learning.

